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SUBJECT: 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS; WORMSER-
ABRASIMOV LUNCHEON, APRIL 4

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1. WITH RESPECT TO ABRASIMOV'S INSISTENCE DURING
APRIL 4 LUNCHEON THAT FRENCH RESPOND POSITIVELY TO SOVIET
INVITATION TO ATTEND WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY MAY 8 AT
USSR WAR MAMORIAL IN UK SECTOR OF BERLIN, FRENCH BONN
GROUP REP (BOISSIEU) CALLED US COUNTERPART EVENING
APRIL 4 IMMEDIATELY UPON RETURN FROM BERLIN (HE WAS
PRESENT AT WORMSER-ABRASIMOV LUNCHEON). SAYING
ABRASIMOV HAD RAISED DURING LUNCHEON V-E DAY ANNIVERSARY
MATTER, BOISSIEU SUGGESTED TRIPARTITE MEETING ON SUBJECT
FOR MORNING APRIL 5 (SATURDAY), TO WHICH US REP AGREED.
ON APRIL 5, FRENCH REP CALLED SAYING THAT MEETING NOT
NECESSARY BUT HE WISHED TO INFORM US REP BY PHONE OF
ABRASIMOV'S HARD PUSHING ON MAY 8 WREATH-LAYING INVITA-
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TION. HE THEN REPORTED TOUGH EXCHANGE IN WHICH WORMSER

HELD FAST TO FRENCH POLICY LINE ON NO PARTICIPATION IN
EVENTS HELD ON GERMAN TERRITORY AND ABRASIMOV ACCUSED
THE FRENCH OF IGNORING SOVIET SACRIFICES INCLUDING
300,000 CASUALTIES IN BATTLE FOR BERLIN. ABRASIMOV ALSO
ACCUSED WORMSER OF NOT UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
MAY 8 MEMORIAL CEREMONY AND VICTORY FESTIVITIES OF MAY 9.
WORMSER EMPHASIZED THAT FRENCH POLICY DECISION HAS BEEN
FIXED AGAINST SUCH ATTENDANCE AND ENDED THIS PART OF THE
CONVERSATION BY SAYING HE WOULD REPORT BUT THAT HE DID
NOT THINK SOVIETS COULD COUNT ON FRENCH MAY 8 PARTICIPA-
TION. BOISSIEU THEN ASKED FOR EMBOFF'S REACTION, WHO
REPLIED THAT STATEMENTS ON US NONPARTICIPATION POLICY
MADE IN BONN GROUP UNDER INSTRUCTION FROM WASHINGTON
SEEMED TO COVER INVITATION SUCH AS THAT MADE BY
ABRASIMOV.

2. FRENCH HAVE ALSO PASSED US MEMCON
OF APRIL 4 LUNCHEON, AND EMBASSY INFORMAL TRANSLA-
TION IS BEING SENT TO ALL ADDEES OF THIS CABLE UNDER
COVER OF AN AIRGRAM.
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